

Before the  
Federal Communications Commission  
Washington, D.C. 20554

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In the Matter of

Developing a Unified Inter-carrier  
Compensation Regime

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) CC Docket No. 01-92  
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## ORDER

Adopted: September 18, 2001

Released: September 19, 2001

Reply Comment Date: November 5, 2001

By the Chief, Competitive Pricing Division:

1. On April 27, 2001, the Commission released a *Notice of Proposed Rulemaking* establishing the pleading cycle for comments and reply comments in the above-captioned docket.<sup>1</sup> The deadline for comments was August 21, 2001, and the deadline for reply comments was October 5, 2001.<sup>2</sup>

2. On September 14, 2001, the United States Telecom Association (USTA) filed a Motion for Extension of Time to extend the date for reply comments by 45 days, to November 19, 2001.<sup>3</sup> According to USTA, this extension is necessary to afford it an adequate opportunity to analyze and respond to comments on the "far-reaching implications" raised by the *Inter-carrier Compensation NPRM*.<sup>4</sup>

3. It is the policy of the Commission that extensions of time are not routinely granted.<sup>5</sup> Such extensions may be warranted when, among other things, comments prove to be voluminous, the parties would not have sufficient time to analyze and respond to comments, or the filings raise complex substantive matters. In the instant proceeding, we note that 75 comments were received, with voluminous pages and complex economic analyses. Upon review of the filed comments in this docket, we find that providing the movant and others an

<sup>1</sup> In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92, Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 16 FCC Rcd. 9610 (2001).

<sup>2</sup> See In the Matter of Developing a Unified Inter-carrier Compensation Regime, 66 Fed. Reg. 28410 (May 23, 2001).

<sup>3</sup> United States Telecom Association, Motion for Extension of Time in CC Docket No. 01-92 (filed Sept. 14, 2001).

<sup>4</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>5</sup> See 47 C.F.R. § 1.46(a).

additional month to respond provides a necessary and sufficient amount of time to formulate meaningful responses.

**4.** Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that, pursuant to authority found in section 4(i) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. § 154(i), and sections 0.91, 0.291 and 1.46 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91, 0.291, 1.46, USTA's Motion for Extension of Time **IS GRANTED IN PART** to establish a new reply comments deadline of **November 5, 2001**.

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